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In re Patent Application of:
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For: Method For Producing Carotenoids Or Their
Precursors Using Genetically Modified
Organisms Of The Blakeslea Genus,
Carotenoids Or Their Precursors Produced By
Said Method And Use Thereof

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).


Of the documents listed on the attached SB/08 are the documents cited in the Search Report during the prosecution of European application, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), Applicants hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of each reference is attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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